

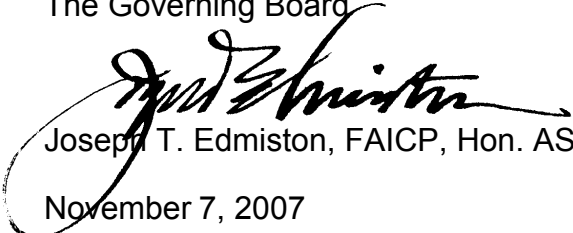


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: November 7, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Brett Goldstone for the removal, repair, and reinstallation of the Westridge trailhead wrought iron vehicle gate.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Brett Goldstone for removal, repair and reinstallation of the Westridge Trailhead wrought iron vehicle gate for \$30,000.

Background: The MRCA retains Leader Private Security ("Leader") to open and close the trailhead at Westridge Canyon Back Park on a daily basis. In July 2007, a vehicle driven by one of Leader's employees struck the vehicular gate at the trailhead. The gate in question, designed by artist Brett Goldstone, suffered significant damage and its effectiveness at restricting vehicle and nighttime access to the park was compromised.

It was determined that, in order to ensure the security of the park and park visitors, the gate required immediate removal and repair. Mr. Goldstone was contacted and agreed to repair the damaged gate on short notice.

Subsequently, MRCA staff notified Leader and their insurance carrier, State Farm Insurance Company, of the damage. State Farm issued a letter offering to pay up to \$9,623.83 to repair the gate. Staff intends to notify State Farm of the gate's status as a work of art and that the required repairs will exceed the initial offer.

Likewise, Mr. Goldstone has preliminarily offered to reduce his costs to \$20,000. In no event will this contract exceed \$30,000.

Staff believes that some of the local residents may also be willing to contribute to the cost of replacement in order to reduce the total expenditure by the MRCA.